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IN THE CLAIMS:

The status and content of each claim follows.

1. (original) A method for storing writings, said method comprising storing said writings on a piece of furniture, wherein said furniture comprises a member configured to permanently receive said writings.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising preparing said member with markings to facilitate placement of said writings on said member.

3. (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising moving said member from a retracted position to an exposed position prior to storing said writings.

4. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said member comprises a plank or tablet.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, wherein said moving said member comprises sliding said plank or tablet to said exposed position.

6. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said member comprises a drawer.

7. (original) The method of claim 6, wherein said moving said member comprises sliding said drawer to said exposed position.

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8. (original) The method of claim 3, further comprising protecting said writings with said piece of furniture when said member is in said retracted position.
9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said writings commemorate a time, person, or event.
10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said writings comprise a signature.
11. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said writings comprise a date.
12. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said writings comprise a carving, wood burning, etching, brush marks, imprint or stamp.
13. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising storing memorabilia associated with said writings in a storage compartment in said piece of furniture.
14. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein said markings comprise grooves.
15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said writings are organized into parallel rows using said grooves as guides.

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16. (withdrawn) A piece of furniture for storing writings, said furniture comprising:

a member moveable between a retracted position and an exposed position; and
a writing surface on said member, said writing surface being configured to permanently receive said writings.

17. (withdrawn) The furniture of claim 16, further comprising markings on said writing surface to facilitate placement of said writings on said member.

18. (withdrawn) The furniture of claim 17, wherein said markings comprise parallel lines.

19. (withdrawn) The furniture of claim 18, wherein said lines are grooves.

20. (withdrawn) The furniture of claim 17, wherein said markings comprise a form for recording familial relationships.

21. (withdrawn) The furniture of claim 17, wherein said markings comprise a form for recording a business organization.

22. (withdrawn) The furniture of claim 16, wherein said member comprises a plank.

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23. (withdrawn) The furniture of claim 16, wherein said member comprises a tablet.

24. (withdrawn) The furniture of claim 16, wherein said member comprises a drawer.

25. (withdrawn) The furniture of claim 16, further comprising a storage compartment in said piece of furniture.

26. (withdrawn) A business method comprising associating a piece of furniture with a set of instructions for recording history with said piece of furniture,

wherein:

said furniture comprises a member configured to permanently receive said writings;

and

said set of instructions describes recording history on said member.

27. (withdrawn) The business method of claim 26, further comprising offering said piece of furniture for sale with said associated set of instructions.